

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

AUGUST 1, 1912.

Mr. TAYLOR of Colorado introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Agriculture and ordered to be printed.

A BILL

Establishing the Lincoln Memorial Highway from Boston, Massachusetts, to San Francisco, California.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 That there is hereby established the Lincoln Memorial High-
4 way, extending from the city of Boston, Massachusetts, by
5 way of New York City, Washington, District of Columbia,
6 Springfield, Illinois, and Denver, Colorado, to San Francisco,
7 California; and there is hereby created the Lincoln Memorial
8 Highway Commission, to be composed of the governors of
9 each State in the Union; said commission is authorized and
10 directed to employ such engineering and clerical force as may
11 be reasonably necessary for the location of said highway,
12 which shall be upon the most direct and practical route be-
13 tween said cities.

1 SEC. 2. That no portion of said highway shall be
2 officially or finally located until each State and county
3 through which the same is proposed to pass shall definitely
4 guarantee and legally obligate itself to pay two-thirds of the
5 cost of construction and permanent maintenance of all of
6 said highway within its borders, the remaining one-third to
7 be paid by the United States Government. Said highway
8 shall be of such width and constructed of such material as
9 may be most suitable to make the same as durable as is rea-
10 sonably possible, and of a character sufficient for the accom-
11 modation of the travel thereon and commensurate with
12 its importance as a national highway. Said highway shall
13 always be free to the use of the public, but the use thereof
14 shall at all times be subject to such reasonable regulations as
15 may be prescribed by the said highway commission.

16 SEC. 3. That said commission shall hold regular quar-
17 terly meetings in the city of Washington, District of Co-
18 lumbia. The governor of each State is hereby authorized
19 to appoint any one Senator or Representative from his State
20 as his proxy to attend any meeting. One-third of the mem-
21 bership of the commission shall constitute a quorum for the
22 transaction of business at any regular meeting, and two-thirds
23 of the entire membership shall be necessary to constitute a
24 quorum at any special meeting. No member of said commis-
25 sion or proxy shall be allowed any compensation whatever

1 for his services, but shall be entitled to be reimbursed for the
2 actual traveling and other reasonably necessary expenses
3 incidental to the attendance upon each of said meetings.

4 SEC. 4. That there is hereby appropriated two hundred
5 and fifty thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be
6 necessary, for the purpose of locating said highway and se-
7 curing the necessary rights of way and agreements for the
8 construction and maintenance thereof jointly by the United
9 States Government and the States, counties, and municipali-
10 ties through which the said highway passes, in the aforesaid
11 proportion.

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